Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on SB 457, SB 738, and SB 874.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874, as well as any other bill that calls for regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

I believe that these bills are harmful to the schools, students, teachers, administrators, tax-paying citizens, hard-working families, communities, and the state of Connecticut in general. These bills are poorly researched, hastily planned and do not consider all the ways in which consolidation of districts will negatively impact the small towns in this state that are economically and socially dependent on their schools.

I urge you to please vote NO on SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874.

Thank you again for hearing my testimony. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Andrew Spring Wilton